**Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council**

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held at Stretton Village Hall on Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 7.30

*M21.19. Apologies:* Apologies were received from Councillors White and Finlay

*M21.20. Approval of minutes of last meeting:* The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

*M21.21. Matters arising*

*Allotments:* WHRC had agreed to make a donation of £900 towards the water supply, but this had not materialised. She has been assured it will be in the account of 19 May . She reported that Neil Gilliver will be at the allotments to discuss a plaque saying the land was donated by Paul and Bellew, although Grevayne had refused to hand the land over at the end of the build and hence, the village had been forced to lease the land at a peppercorn rent. Councillor Eedle queries what constituted a peppercorn rent but was assured this was a term defined in law. No money had been requested. Once the transaction has been registered the allotments will be registered as a community asset.

It was also mentioned that Grevayne were now correcting the faulty drainage on the housing site, by installing a sump. Councillor Longleather thanked Councillor Hazelwood for all her work in organising a water supply. She, in turn, thanked Councillor barker for her donation from her Councillors fund towards the work.

Councillor Longleather mentioned that the paths on the allotment needed doing properly and Councillor hazelwood agreed to mention it to Neil Gilliver.

*Climate change and Stretton Sustainability Initiative*: Councillor Longleather reported that the groups Green Shoots funding applications had not made any progress:

(a) Library of things

(b) Charging point at the village hall. He felt that the not enough work had been done on the bid, although there were still a few days left for submission. They had thought a sum of £5000 would cover it, but this had risen to about £7000. He felt it was sensible for the Parish Council to supply this, but only if it could be done at net cost. Applications over £5000 required a far more detailed application. Some of the additional cost included £650 for marking parking spaces, which could be deferred until later, and £750 for the installation of Wifi router in the village hall. The village hall committee had this on the agenda for the next meeting as it was felt that WiFi would be an asset to the village hall. Councillor Longleather agreed to follow this up and suggested the use of the money from the apple juice this year could be put towards it. Councillor Hazelwood reported that the money invested for installation of solar panels on the hall was due to be paid back this year as the initial costs had now been covered, but she and other investors may be willing to leave their money to go towards this installation.

Councillor Longleather said the intention was to install 2 fast chargers, although it would be a year or two before they would generate an income. The council were unanimous that the project should go ahead and Councillor Barker offered to add her support if it helped.

*Laptop and Microsoft Office for Parish Council:* Councillor Hazelwood thank Councillor Holdback for his work in obtaining and setting up a new laptop for the Parish Council

The matter of what to do with the old laptop was discussed. Councillor Barker agreed to provide details of organisations recycling them. It was suggested that, should WiFi be installed in the village hall, the laptop should be donated to the village hall as the start up of an Enterprise hub. Councillor Holdback was asked if he could prepare the old laptop for passing on.

*Public footpaths:* Councillor Hazelwood reported that the footpath across the field at Chimneys, which had been causing problems recently would be sorted out in the next two weeks. The path had been cleared now, but there was a kink in it because it was waiting for the electric fence to be straightened. She reported that some footpaths seem to have disappeared. It was suggested Compton Scorpion be approached regarding their footpaths, and that the village footpaths officer, Richard West, be asked to act. It was felt that WCC footpath officers should act, although as there was only one, shortly to be two, this was unlikely.

 At this point Councillor Long-Leather raised the issue of the fields on Tankards Hill, where a number of mature trees had been removed. It was felt that the matter should be raised with a higher authority.

*Severn Trent Water:* Councillor Hazelwood had received the following information following her letter to Severn Trent:

*New pumps went into commission mid-January but have had some teething problems with them. On changing over from the old booster to the new booster, some of the electrical links were left in place which should not have been. Basically, this meant that if one pump changed over to another pump to have a break, then occasionally the next pump would not come on. This meant that the area goes without supply when it happens. The electricians and maintainers have been on site painstakingly picking through all the wiring to make sure any issues have been resolved. The pumps have been upsized as part of the upgrade so there should not be the dips in pressure or the short outages to supply that have occurred. They have obviously been sized to accommodate the new developments which are going on in the area so it is hoped that there should not be any more problems from that perspective, although this cannot be guaranteed, as bursts and occasional failure of the boosters, usually due to power fails in the area can occur.*

*M21.22. Finance*

*(a) Expenditure since last meeting:*

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| Date | Supplier | Item | Income | Outgoings | Balance |
| 01/04/2021 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 143.65 | 8359.53 |
| 10/04/2020 | Stretton Horticultural Club | Repayment for manure |  | 48.00 | 8311.53 |
| 26/04/2021 | SDC | Precept | 2900 |  | 11211.53 |
| 27/04/2021 | Zurich | Insurance |  | 666.96 | 10544.57 |
| 04/05/2021 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 315.49 | 10229.08 |

*Play area*

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| 01/04/2020 | Balance brought fwd |  |  | 1,901.25 | 1901.25 |
| 19/06/2020 | Andy Giles | Play area opening food, etc. |  | 80.00 | 1821.25 |
| 06/01/2021 | From Lloyds acc | Bark fund |  | 600.00 | 2421.25 |

*Petty cash*

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| Date | Supplier | Item | Amount | Balance |
| Balance carried forward |  | 130.21 |

*Money Manager*

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| 01/04/2020 | Balance brought fwd | 20.01 |

*(b) Approval of Annual accounts*: Approved. Councillor Longleather gave a brief explanation of how the accounts related to the expenditure on the alloments to date (Appendix 1)

*(c) Approval of Annual Governance Statement:* Approved.

*(d) Approval of Certificate of Exemption:* Approved.

*(e) Approval of Agar form:* Approved.

*M21.23. Planning applications*

*On-going*

*Pitstop*: The owner should by now have reduced the cars to 40, removed all commercial vehicles for sale and cleared a lot of the hardstanding. Enforcement has not been able to visit. The owner is now in breach of notice; he says he has sold the land, but the land registry still has him as the owner. It was agreed that the Chair should write to the garage owner in order to clarify the situation.

21/00525/LBC, Home Farm Main Street Stretton-On-Fosse GL56 9SA, conversion of outbuildings; interior modifications have been made

*M21.24 Correspondence*

Clerks and Councils.

LCR magazine

*M21.25. Council reports:* Councillor barker had been re-elected at the recent elections. She reported that there were several meetings in the next couple of weeks although their main function is to elect officers for the various committees. Wellesbourne Airfield ids under consideration for a CPO by SDC. The land behind the Swimming Pool in Stratford up to the Fishermans car park is to be left as ‘country park’, as an additional attraction for Stratford. Councillor Hazelwood had viewed the proposal, but felt they were too artificial.

The Ellen Badger/new hospital plans are progressing and are to include a health and well-being centre, the medical centre, will retain the same number of beds as it has now and have a Minor injuries ‘Plus’ unit. Some of the external features, such as the urns will be retained and the design reflects the original design. The car park is to be behind the hospital, on the flood plain. Funding could be a problem as the money saved from last year has been clawed back by central funding.

*M21.26. AOB:*

A WALC survey has been received asking for opinion on whether Zoom meetings should be retained as an option going forward. Councillors Eedle and Holdback felt they should as it would enable them to attend meeting when away on business. Councillor Long-Leather was ambivalent; Councillor Barker doesn’t like them; Councillor Hazelwood could see distinct advantages and felt it should be an option.

Councillor Hazelwood raised the issue of the village hall rates with Councillor Barker as, although it had been agreed that they should pay last year’s rates, but that preceding years should be waived., SDC had again invoiced for the full amount. Councillor Barker agreed to raise the matter again as it had been previously agreed with David Platz.

*M21.27. Date of next meeting*

17 August at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

**Appendix 1**

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| **Allotments** | Total expenses incl legal | 3058 |  | **Shredder** |  |  |
|  | VAT recovery | -485 |  | Village equipment | 450 |
|  | Donations WCC | -680 |  | VAT recovery |  | -75 |
|  | Donations Lawrence | -250 |  | Donations |  | -282 |
|  | Rent | -220 |  |  |  | 93 |
|  |  | 1423 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Due from WRHA | -900 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 523 |  |  |  |  |
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